

2 May 2018

**The next meeting of COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL will be
held in the SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE on WEDNESDAY,
9 MAY 2018 commencing at 9.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully
Rick Warren
General Manager

4. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
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- 9.30 a.m. Coonamble Rodeo Association Representatives**
Discuss Council's decision to not provide financial support for this year's event.

5. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.03 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Karen Churchill, John Walker, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr Warren, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land – past and present.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no person present at public question time.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

i) Ordinary Meeting – 14 March 2018

2997 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 March 2018 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

Item 11 Grant Funding Status (Page 9/6146)

ADD

“Part b) that should community organisations wish to submit applications, the completed applications must be to Council by c.o.b. on 6 April for Council to consider at the April Meeting.”

ii) Extraordinary Meeting – 27 March 2018

2998 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 27 March 2018 be confirmed.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

i) Ordinary Meeting – 14 March 2018

- **War Memorial Hall, Gulargambone** – Cr Churchill asked whether the Hall was the evacuation point, pointing out that there are no toilets facilities for disabled persons. The General Manager said the emergency evacuation point in Gulargambone is the sportsground.
- **Main Street – Proposed Toilets** – In response to Cr Karanouh's question, the General Manager said Council's solicitor is preparing transfer documents for the purchase of the main street building – the conveyancing is in progress.

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Mark Vaughan who was an observer at the meeting. Mr Vaughan is one of the candidates running for election at the By-Election on 5 May 2018.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2999 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) **Community Safety Plan Funding Opportunities** – Cr Churchill asked whether any indication has been given regarding the outcome of Council's application for funding – the Director of Community Services said not at this stage.

i) Formal Handover of Bullock Wagon Installation

3000 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council note a report by the General Manager is included in the agenda later in the day.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

3001 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayor's Activity Report be received and dealt with.

The Mayor gave a very brief overview of his activities throughout the month. He commented that he attended the Seniors Luncheon *Boots and Pearls Theme* at the Bowling Club on 5 April – Cr Webb congratulated the Director of Community Services and her staff for the great organisation which resulted in such a hugely successful and enjoyable event.

3002 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his activities report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

3003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council’s Consideration:**10.1 GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN PROTECTION GROUP D7(51238)**

3004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Fisher that Council inform the Great Artesian Basin Protection Group it is unable to accede to the request to waive or discount the fee for hire of the showground pavilion, noting the 2018/18 charge for a not-for-profit organisation is \$115.

10.2 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION D7(51251)

3005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council, in considering the financial accounts provided by the Coonamble Rodeo Association, considers the Association to be in a sufficiently sound financial position to meet this expense and noting toilet facilities at the showground have been substantially upgraded over the last few years.

10.3 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(51296)

3006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Churchill and Karanouh that Council again sponsor a race at the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Carnival in October 2018 and commit \$1,000 to the Club from the Donations Vote.

10.4 LEN SCOTT, ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE A8

Requesting Council to consider building a set of toilets at the Rest Stop located on the Castlereagh Highway just north of the Coonamble Golf Club. Saying the Club will contribute towards the cost of the facility.

In discussing this matter Council noted the number of public conveniences there are within the town area and for which it responsible for cleaning. Another point raised was that Council is trying to attract travellers to stop in the town – a toilet on the outskirts would not support that endeavour, however Council’s biggest concern is the additional ongoing maintenance of such a facility.

3007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information.

10.5 CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE D7(51304)

3008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council agree to sponsor the “Sculpture Award” in conjunction with the Fisher’s Ghost Festival in Campbelltown and commit \$2,500 from the Donations Vote.

10.6 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(51320)

3009 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council advise Coonamble Public School that it does not agree to provide free use of the Showground or set up equipment free of charge for the school to conduct its Sky Story Night on 10 May 2018.

10.7 MERVYN CANHAM & DOUG WHITE P1(51319)

3010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Walker that Council inform Messrs Canham and White that the horse trough will be returned to the Castlereagh Street roundabout upon completion of the garden.

Section B – Matters for Information Only**10.8 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION E2(51105)**

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter advising that it resolved to engage the NSW Electoral Commission to administer the forthcoming By-Election and noting that Mr Steve Robb has been in contact with Council in relation to election arrangements, which will be conducted on Saturday 5 May 2018.

10.9 CASTLEREAGH RUGBY LEAGUE D7(51104)

Thanking Council for its financial support of \$300 for the first Castlereagh Women's Rugby League – saying this will greatly help with costs. Saying Council's sponsorship will be recognised on all home game programs and social media releases, as well as announcements throughout the games.

10.10 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(51240)

Inviting Council to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 17 to 20 June.

10.11 KAREN FLAKELAR C8(51242)

Saying she represents a growing number of women who would benefit from the opening of a Women's Shed in Coonamble. Asking Council for a letter of support to accompany their grant application.

Council noted that a letter of support was provided as requested.

10.12 COONAMBLE & DISTRICT RSL CLUB LTD P1(51203)

Advising there have been three separate incidents recently with children throwing rocks/clods at the RSL bus while it was being driven – all incidents have been reported to the local Police.

3011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council write to Essential Energy requesting that the light be replaced on the new transformer pole which has recently been installed.

10.13 PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE AG FIELD DAY S5(51195)

Referring to the Showground User Group Representatives meeting in November 2017 and saying it was suggested that users would like the small fence to the north of the pavilion removed as it causes an inconvenience to the running of the field day. Urging Council to consider this matter and have the fence removed.

The General Manager said this matter was discussed by Council last year and it was agreed the fence provides a delineation from the maintained area around the pavilion to the less maintained area of the showground. The fence acts as a barrier to vehicular traffic using the lawn area, ensuring weddings and other functions have a manicured, well maintained area for photos.

3012 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.13 inclusive be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

3013 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

3014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note no Development Applications or Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 HANDOVER – BULLOCK WAGON, GULARGAMBONE

3015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council resolve to accept the bullock wagon art sculpture subject to Council's Public Arts Policy, as determined from time to time, and no other conditions attached to the acceptance.

3016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that Council seek grant funding opportunities to provide a suitable cover over the bullock wagon installation, appropriate to the theme, together with suitable seating at the location.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

11.3 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND – PROJECTS

The General Manager informed the meeting that a project has been put forward by the Coonamble Children's Services for improvements to infrastructure at the Centre, totalling \$116,000 of which the Services will contribute \$12,000.

3017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that:

- a) Council submit the following projects in order of priority to the Stronger Country Communities Fund:

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Project Cost</i>	<i>Grant Funds</i>	<i>Council Cont</i>	<i>Community Cont</i>
1	Splash Pad – Gular	250,000	200,000	50,000	
2	Irrigation – Coonamble Oval	100,000	80,000	20,000	
3	Pool Blanket/Change Rooms Coonamble	200,000	150,000	50,000	
4	Basketball Court – Gular	50,000	40,000	10,000	

5	Playground/Gym Equipment – Lions Park, Gulargambone	150,000	135,000	15,000	
6	Skatebowl – Coonamble	150,000	120,000	30,000	
7	Playground Shade – Shire	100,000	80,000	20,000	
8	Toilet Block – Main Street	400,000	280,000	120,000	
9	Visitor Information Centre	450,000	330,000	120,000	
10	Coonamble Children's Service Project	116,000	104,000	-	12,000
11	Refurbish Toilets – Shire	100,000	80,000	20,000	
	Totals (\$)	2,066,000	1,599,000	455,000	12,000

and

b) Council provide the Member for Barwon, Mr Kevin Humphries, with a brief of each project and seek a letter of support for the proposed projects and that a letter of support be provided to Coonamble Children's Services by Council.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

3018 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

3019 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that the information contained in this item be noted.

12.2 SAFE COONAMBLE PROJECT

The Director provided a copy of *Safe Coonamble: Final Report* to Council.

3020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that Council note the information and that a copy of the report will be forwarded to both the Local and Federal State Members for their information.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

3021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

3022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 March 2018 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

3023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that the list of investments as 31 March 2018 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

3024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council now formally adopt the Records Management Policy which was placed on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 days, noting that no submissions were received.

13.4 COONAMBLE SES FACILITY UPDATE

3025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that the information in the report be noted and that the SES is committing \$150,000 to the project.

13.5 CROWN LAND REFORM

The Director reported on the proposal by the NSW State Government to commence legislation in 2018 introducing significant changes under the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* to the way Council manages Crown lands under its control.

This Council is currently Reserve Trust Manager for 21 Crown Land Reserves within the Shire.

3026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that this information be noted.

13.6 WRITING OFF WATER USER CHARGES – ASSESSMENT NO 2723

3027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that due to the circumstances of this case, Council resolve to write off the amount of \$528.08 from Assessment No 2723, leaving a balance which corresponds with usage for the same quarters over the past two years.

13.7 WORKS IN PROGRESS

3028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

3029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

3030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

i) Provision of Product – Inland Rail Construction

Cr Karanouh suggested that staff investigate the possibility of providing quarry product to the contractors for the construction of the inland rail.

ii) Quabathoo Road – Alleged Problem with Rock

In response to a request from Cr Fisher, the General Manager said staff would inspect the product used on this road which some users allege is cutting tyres. He said this would be arranged and samples of rock examined to clarify the issue.

14.2 COONAMBLE AIRPORT

3031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the work requested on behalf of the Coonamble Aero Club for its open day was carried out in accordance with the directions of the Club's representative.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

3032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – MARCH 2018

3033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Ranger's report for the month of March 2018 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

3034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that Council note there are no reports and/or minutes from organisations for the month of March 2018.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – MARCH 2018

3035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the saleyards report for March 2018 be dealt with.

17.2 Saleyards Account

3036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Saleyards Account to 31 March 2018 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$351,254.74, be noted.

18.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

19.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**i) Back Combara Road**

Cr Wheelhouse said that AgriGrain had not bitumen sealed its portion of Back Combara Road, subject of Council's DA approval. The General Manager said the Manager of Environmental Services has contacted AgriGrain advising that should the work not be well underway at the end of May 2018, Council will make arrangements to have it completed.

ii) Streets – Coonamble and Gulargambone

Cr Wheelhouse asked the A/Director of Engineering Services about works being carried out on the streets in Coonamble and Gulargambone – the A/Director said that Gulargambone streets are completed, however those in Coonamble have not had work done because of the need to complete flood damage and Roads to Recovery works. She said those funds had to be expended within a timeframe and some of the street works may have to be carried over.

iii) Crown Lands – Bore

Cr Churchill referred to the new Crown Lands Management Act and asked whether it would impact on Council's intention to sink a bore at the racecourse – the General Manager said he is still waiting on advice from Crown Lands. However, Mr. Warren referred to the purchase of water and said that Council is in the process of settling with one purchaser and the other 100mgs will shortly be transferred into Council's name. He said that when water is available Council will be in a better position to pursue this matter.

iv) Sportsground

Cr Karanouh asked the Director of Corporate and Urban Services if the smashed glass at the sportsground has been cleaned up – the Director said he instructed staff to carry out the work and that in future he wanted the area cleaned twice/week.

v) Seniors Week Luncheon

Cr Fisher referred to the very successful Seniors Week Luncheon held at the Bowling Club recently and conveyed his congratulations to the Director of Community Services and her staff for such a wonderful event.

vi) Caravan Park Redevelopment

Cr Fisher asked the Director of Community Services what progress had been made with this project – the Director said that quotes for the various components have been received and tender documents are being prepared.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10.14 a.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6152 to 10/6161) were confirmed on the **9th** day of **MAY 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **11th April 2018**.

MAYOR

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

8.1 Resolutions in Progress

14.2 SPORTSGROUNDS - IRRIGATION

1935 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council approve construction of the automatic system for irrigation of the sportsgrounds, with a budget of \$70,000 to be sourced from the water fund.

Status:

Application submitted to the Stronger Communities Fund.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING RESERVE

2646(a) RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council allocate \$100,000 from the Development Reserve to the Emergency Services Building Reserve, making this reserve in total \$200,000 and that a new building be constructed on the current site subject to the SES contributing \$150,000 towards the cost of the structure.

Status:

Grant Fund application submitted to SES – March 2018.

PLAYGROUND – LIONS PARK - GULARGAMBONE

2725 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that community consultation be undertaken regarding play equipment for the 0 – 5 years range in Lions Park at Gulargambone and a report detailing costing be provided to the next meeting.

Status:

Application submitted to the Stronger Communities Fund.

SHOWGROUND USERS' MEETING

2875 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council :

- i) determine costings for the replacement of the inner arena fence, including the fence in front of the pavilion and replacement of the ticket booth at the northern entrance to the showground and submit as a project under the Crown Reserve Trust funding which will become available in the New Year;
- ii) note the Coonamble Stockman's Challenge & Campdraft committee will continue to address drainage issues within the arena area.

Status:
Application for grant funds submitted to Crown Reserves Trust Management Fund – awaiting outcome.

11.2 BULLOCK WAGON, GULARGAMBONE

3016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that Council seek grant funding opportunities to provide a suitable cover over the bullock wagon installation, appropriate to the theme, together with suitable seating at the location.

Status:
Submitted as part of Shade Structure Installation Project to Stronger Communities Fund.

8.2 Resolutions Completed**12.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

2881 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that Council submit an application under the NSW Community Safety Fund to develop a Community Safety Plan and implement a six month security patrol trial, together with the installation of additional security cameras.

Status:

Response received – application unsuccessful – see Precis of Correspondence. COMPLETED.

9. MAYORAL REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

9.1 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

April was a relatively quiet month for official duties.

ANZAC Day – a tremendous roll up for the dawn service – it was encouraging to see the respect paid to our War Veterans and t those who gave their life in service of their country.

The 11.00 am service was also well attended - many young children accompanied their parents. Our schools were there 'in force' as well and participated in the ceremony.

2018 marks the 100th year since the war to end all wars finished – unfortunately Australia has been in many conflicts since then. To all our servicemen and women – *We will remember them – lest we forget!*

Congratulations to Kookie on her appointment to the position of Director of Engineering Services and a warm welcome to Siew Neale as Roads and Bridges Engineer – Sue has many years' experience at Brewarrina as Director of Engineering Services.

Recommendation:
That Council note the Mayor's activities report since the April Meeting.

MICHAEL WEBB
Mayor

10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 O'BRIEN & SONS TRANSPORT S1-3(51350)

Requesting a basic washout facility and effluent dump in Gulargambone as the closest facility is currently 50kms away in Coonamble. Pointing out there used to be a facility on the Quambone Road near the pump station and suggesting that Council consider a site at the sewage works that would include road base in one of the old drying out beds and a water tank. Saying he would supply his own pump and hose to wash out his stock crates.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Manager of Environmental Services has been requested to provide a costing to Council's June meeting).

Recommendation:

That Council note a report will be tabled at the June 2018 meeting on the feasibility of a truck wash at Gulargambone.

10.2 TRISH COFFEY PR1607(50873)

Making application for a decrease in service charges (domestic waste and sewer) to one, while property at 19 Dubbo Street (6 units) is being refurbished. Saying she currently is paying for six charges (sewer and domestic waste) and there have been no tenants for three years. Advising that she is now living in one of the units on the property. Pointing out the period covering her application is from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. Saying she has not been receiving a waste management service since August 2017 and has been taking rubbish to the tip.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This letter was received on 18 December 2017 and I responded by letter dated 19 December 2017 as follows:

"I refer to your letter of 7 December 2017 and wish to advise as follows:

(1) Council does not provide a hold on rates for property – rates are payable on the land value of the property regardless of any improvement or lack thereof on the land.

(2) Sewer charges are payable on the number of units of accommodation contained within buildings on the property. Currently you are being charged for six accommodation sewerage services. This is an annual charge and is set at 85% of the normal domestic waste.

(3) Domestic Waste Management - currently there are six domestic waste charges applicable to the property. This, again, is an annual

charge of \$280/service. Council is required to charge at a minimum one service per annum to the property as it has improvements on it.

From 1 July 2018 Council will apply only one domestic waste charge to this property. However, Council is not able to waive charges already imposed on the property as annual charges.”

**Recommendation:
For Council’s determination.**

10.3 COONAMBLE LADY GOLFERS D7(51407)

Advising the Coonamble Lady Golfers are hosting the Far West Rose Bowl Tournament on 14 and 15 July – pointing out it is the Ladies teams event for Western District Clubs. Saying they would like to showcase the golf club and town and, as memberships of lady golfers has declined, they need support to host guests. Seeking sponsorship of \$4,000 to purchase trophies, as well as provide entertainment and meals over the two days.

**Recommendation:
For Council’s determination.**

10.4 COONAMBLE TEAM PENNING CLUB D7(51433)

Advising it will hold a family fun event at the showground on 5 and 6 May to attract those people who do not have the opportunity to travel to complete. Saying the Club aims to run at least three events annually if this one is successful. Pointing out there is interest from other areas to compete at the event, the Lions Club is catering and the Bowling Club is running its bus to and from the grounds on Saturday night. Asking if Council would consider waiving the ground hire for the event.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The event was held at the weekend, so if Council agrees to the request, the hire charge would be refunded. Council should be mindful of recent decisions to not waive ground hire at the Showground and its resolution some time ago not to accede to such requests).

**Recommendation:
For Council’s determination.**

10.5 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

Referring to the “wire ram sculpture” (**photo attached**) which was positioned on Plantation Island throughout the arts festival and saying the person who did the sculpture has approached the Co-operative with a view to the Co-op purchasing it so that it can remain permanently on display. Advising the Co-operative is not in a position to purchase the sculpture and asking Council to

purchase it from the owner for the sum of \$1,200. Pointing out that if Council decides to purchase the sculpture, the Co-op would cover the cost of a concrete base to secure it.

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative Limited that it does not wish to purchase the ‘wire ram sculpture’ which is currently on display on Plantation Island adjacent to the bullock wagon sculpture.

10.6 MacKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES D7(51446)

Advising it supports the community in a number of ways – one of which is building the capacity of community and supporting local initiatives that encourage health and wellbeing of local Indigenous people. Saying the Service has been liaising with the Weilwan Local Aboriginal Lands Council which is endeavouring to source funding for guernseys for a Gulargambone Knockout Team. Stating the amount required is \$1,500, however submitting a request to Council to provide \$1,700 which will purchase supporters shirts as well.

Recommendation:

For Council’s determination.

10.7 WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB D7(51443)

Seeking support of the Club’s plans to resurface the tennis courts – advising there are three clay courts and four synthetic grass courts. Stating that based on quote it expects work to cost in the vicinity of \$100,000 to resurface the synthetic courts, a further estimated \$30,000 for surface preparations and laser levelling and some added costs for removal and replacement of fencing. Advising the Club is making application for an infrastructure grant from the Office of Responsible Gaming and would seek \$100,000 at least – saying the Club currently has \$30,000 to put towards the project. Seeking support from Council in an amount of \$50,000. Stating that local contractors will be engaged to carry out earthworks and fencing and asking Council for a letter of support to attach to the grant application.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Wanderers Tennis Club has informed Council it was unable to pay the insurance for two years past and has also indicated it will not be able to continue as a “going concern” and asked if Council is interested in taking over operation of the Club. The Wanderers Tennis Club also failed to renew the lease on the land after having been advised by Council that it expired in 2016. Any further lease will require consent of the Minister for Lands. Effectively, the Club has no tenure on the property.)

Recommendation:

That Council not provide financial support for the application and request the Club to pay the insurance due on the property.

10.8 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION D7(51444)

Saying the Committee was disappointed that Council elected to withdraw its financial support of the rodeo and Campdraft. Requesting that Council consider contributing half cost of hire of additional portable amenities in the amount of \$4,000, as the Council amenities are insufficient to cater for numbers. Pointing out the rodeo and Campdraft is the district's premier annual event, increasing visitation and fundraising efforts of local non-profit organisations.

Asking Council to consider the following points:

- This year, due to dry conditions, cattle numbers will be reduced – reducing nominations and income from the Campdraft.
- Overall costs to the committee is staging the event have also increased – including ground hire fees, security, cleaning, equipment hire, stock contracting, stock transport and insurance.
- The CRA currently maintains both arena and stockyards and associated infrastructure – part of funding held by the Association is to further develop this event-specific infrastructure in future years.
- Money in hand is also used to buffer finances against the risk of wet weather disrupting or cancelling the event.

Stating that, in the long term, perhaps it would be in both Council's and the community's best interests to invest in upgraded permanent toilet and shower amenities when there is more than one hirer on the grounds. Saying the combined contributions paid by council and the CRA to hire amenities over the years could have been better spent on constructing new facilities – believing it was Council's decision to continue this arrangement rather than invest in additional new infrastructure.

Pointing out that the "recent upgrade of toilet facilities" cited in Council's letter was painting, lighting, concreting and some new cisterns. Saying representatives are hoping to attend the meeting during public question time to discuss these issues.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I have included the latest request from the Coonamble Rodeo Association. The Association has been advised of the process under the Local Government Act that must be adhered to in order to have this matter reconsidered by Council).

Recommendation:

Council note the information regarding the Club's second request for funding for the June rodeo and campdraft event.

10.9 BRIAN SOMMERVILLE T6-2

Requesting permission to remove all trees from his premises at No 18 Tooloon Street, Coonamble.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Mr Sommerville has not provided sufficient information to enable Council to make a decision in regard to his request, however an inspection of the premises reveals the only trees concerned would be two large Queensland bottle trees and one large palm. Whilst Council has a Tree Preservation Order in place, such vegetation is not prescribed under any Development Control Plan and technically, could be removed.)

Recommendation:

That Council permit Mr Sommerville to remove the two Queensland bottle trees and the palm tree from his premises at 18 Tooloon Street, Coonamble.

10.10 ARTC NARROMINE TO NARRABRI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Advising of the establishment of a consultative committee for the above stage of the inland rail. Saying the purpose of the committee is to gather and disseminate information regarding Inland Rail throughout the community and to bring representative views to the committee. Stating that advertisements to this effect will also be included in the local media in the near future.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Information pertaining to this and nomination details are attached).

Recommendation:

For Council's determination.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:**10.11 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
T4(51358)**

Drawing attention to new legislative provisions relating to the Joint Regional Planning Panels and Sydney Planning Panels. Saying amendments to the Act came into force on 1 March 2018 and a key change now means property developers and real estate agents are no longer eligible to sit as either state-nominated or council-nominated Panel members.

Asking Council to review its nominated Panel members and ensure their continuing eligibility to participate. Any changes to members must be emailed to the Planning Panels Secretariat at enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au two weeks prior to any scheduled Panel meeting.

**10.12 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
L10(51377)**

Enclosing summary of its 2018-19 Federal Budget Submission for Council's information – advising full copies of the submission can be found on ALGA website

– https://alga.asn.au/site/misc/alga/downloads/submissions/2018/ALGA_Budget_Submission_2018_2019.pdf Saying ALGHA is also calling on the Government to:

- Ensure the ongoing financial stability of Local Government;
- Support local transport networks to aid economic growth;
- Mitigate the risks of a changing climate and the impacts from natural disasters; and
- Increase the liveability of our communities through improved local infrastructure.

**10.13 HON DON HARWIN MLC, MINISTER FOR THE ARTS
G5-6(51393)**

Informing Council he has approved \$25,915 under the 2017/18 Public Library Infrastructure Grant Program for Council's project entitled *A Sensational Area – a tactile children's learning and play area at the Coonamble Library*.

10.14 NSW ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-16(51390)

Notifying Council that the Regional Road Block Grant (Block Grant) allocation for Coonamble for 2017/18 will be \$1,309,000 based on the 2016/17 allocation, with an allowance for indexation.

10.15 CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE T3-11(51431)

Advising key dates for the 56th Fisher's Ghost Art Award, which coincides with the Festival of Fisher's Ghost. Saying that Friday 26 October is the date for the sponsors cocktail party and Friday 2 November the official opening of the exhibition and award announcement. Thanking Council for its continued sponsorship.

10.16 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-2(51437)

Thanking Council for its advice that Coonamble Shire Council has resolved not to join a Joint Organisation. Saying the NSW Government acknowledges Council's decision and, in the coming months, Jos will be proclaimed and commence operation before 1 July 2018. Pointing out Jos will transform the way the NSW Government works in partnership with local government and increasingly, JOs and their member councils will have direct access to a range of funding programs that will deliver benefits for their region. Saying that following commencement of JOs, those councils who have resolved not to be part of a JO will be provided with the opportunity to reconsider their decision.

10.17 NSW DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Thanking Council for its application for funding to Round 3 of the NSW Community Safety Fund. Pointing out the demand from local communities was very high with around 100 organisations making application. Stating that Council's application was unsuccessful and many high quality applications did not receive funding.

10.18 DEBBIE & SIMON IBBOTT S13(51436)

Objecting to the decision not to allow the pool to be used until the end of May for training for their daughter who has been selected for NSW to attend the Nationals in Hobart in July. Saying they appreciate costs are involved, which should not have to be paid by ratepayers, hence their offer to pay the pool attendant and cover insurance. Pointing out opportunities for country kids are often limited – referring to a talented swimmer from Coonamble training for the 100m Nationals in an 18m, unheated pool at Quambone with no diving blocks, and having to endure a three and one-half hours round trip daily.

Saying their children attend local schools and in this way they support the local community. Asking is it any wonder parents send their children away to school or even complete families relocate out of the area to give children the best chance to fulfil the rare opportunities that come their way when Council support is not forthcoming. Saying we should be making it easier for local talent not harder!

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council’s policy is that pools generally close at Easter – in the past, at the request of the Swimming Club, Council has allowed the squad to train early/late with Council approval. At the time of the request, the pool had been closed and winter maintenance begun.

Mrs Ibbott’s letter was received three weeks after the closure of the pool and every effort was then made to assist with the required training. Council made the Quambone Pool available and provided a key for access when required).

RICK WARREN
General Manager
2 May 2018

11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED
UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent.*

Background:

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

Issues:

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
6/18	Gbone Community Enterprises Co-op	Mrs Annie Haling	Erect roadside signs	North & south entrances to Gulargambone	09/04/2018
13/16	MacKillop Family Services	Jock Rodgers	Change use to community facility	23 Namoi Street, Coonamble (Lot C DP 11056)	24/04/2018

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
5/18	MacKillop Family Services	Jock Rodgers	Change use to community facility	23 Namoi Street, Coonamble (Lot C DP 11056)	24/04/2018

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application Nos.013/2016 & 006/2018, together with Complying Development Application No. 005/2018, were approved during the month of April 2018.

11.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 2018

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.2 Promote opportunities for leaders to learn the features of good leadership.***

Background:

Each year Council has attended the NSW Local Government Conference – this year it is being held from 21 October to 23 October at the Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury.

Issues:

The conference is the annual policy-making event for NSW Councils and NSW Aboriginal Land Councils. Issues arising from the conference are often the industry's agreed stance when negotiating with the State Government.

Generally the Council approves up to three Councillors and the General Manager to attend. Costs overall are generally around \$2,000/participant inclusive of conference fees and accommodation for a metropolitan conference.

In order to book accommodation at or near the venue, numbers attending are required. The names of Councillors attending can be advised at a later date.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

Approximately \$2,000/participant.

Options:

- (1) Attend the annual Conference of Local Government NSW
- (2) Not attend the annual Conference of Local Government NSW

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to attend the Conference or not and nominate the number of participants.

11.3 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:

L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

L1.4.6 Review Council policies

Background:

In accordance with s2152 clause (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (*Payment of expenses and provision of facilities*) Council must, within five months after the end of each year, adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by and the provision of facilities to the mayor, the deputy mayor and other councillors in relation to discharging their functions of civic office.

Issues:

Under the Local Government Act, a council must not pay any expense incurred, or to be incurred, by or provide any facility to the mayor, deputy mayor (if there is one) or a councillor otherwise than in accordance with a policy under this section [s252(3)].

A council must give public notice of its intention to adopt a policy for payment of expenses or provision of facilities, allowing at least 28 days for the making of public submissions. Before adopting the policy Council must consider any submissions made during the display period and, if necessary, make any appropriate changes to the policy.

Within 28 days of adopting the policy Council must forward to the Director General:

- (a) a copy of the policy or amendment, together with all submissions received;
- (b) a statement setting out, for each submission, the council's response to the submission and Council's reasons for the response;
- (c) a copy of the notice pertaining to its intention to adopt a policy for the payment of expenses or provision of facilities to the mayor, deputy mayor and councillors.

A copy of the current year's policy is included with the business paper at **APPENDIX A**. Council should note that the monthly amount payable by the Mayor for use of the motor vehicle will be indexed to rate pegging legislation and, for 2018/19, will be \$213.20/month.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Section 252 of the Local Government Act
- Clause 403 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Financial Considerations:

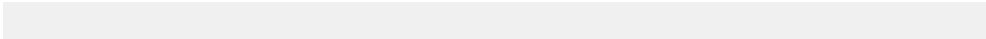
Council has allowed \$127,000 in the 2018/2019 budget for Councillor facilities, inclusive of fees.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council place the draft policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting comment AND FURTHER that the policy be formally adopted at the July 2018 meeting, taking into account any submissions received.



11.4 NSW AUDIT OFFICE – PUBLICATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
14.1.9 Prepare long term cash flow predictions for asset maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement.

Background:

As part of the *fit for the future* process, the NSW government identified several performance indicators that councils were required to meet. The NSW Audit Office, in conducting the audit of NSW councils for the 2016/17 financial year, has released the information in its report. The report covers 140 councils.

Issues:

The performance indicators are:

(1) *Operating Performance %*

Measures how well local councils contained expenses within revenue. Benchmark is greater than zero. Coonamble Shire had a percentage of 18.3%. Of all councils, 18 failed to achieve this benchmark.

(2) *Own Source Operating Revenue*

Measures the degree to which councils rely on operating grant funds. Benchmark is 60% of operating revenue should be generated by Council. For the last financial year Council achieved a percentage of 55.1%. Of all councils, 59 failed to achieve the benchmark.

(3) *Concentrated Current Ratio*

This is a specific ratio measuring the ability of councils to meet their short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark is 1.5 times the current assets over current liabilities (unrestricted). Council achieved a result of 6.1. Of all councils, four failed to meet the benchmark.

(4) *Debt Service Level*

Measures the operating cash available to service debt including interest, principal and leave payments. Operating cash should be at least twice the obligation - Council's result was 158.4 – an indication of little debt and good operating cash. Only one council failed to meet the benchmark.

(5) *Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding %*

Measures the impact of outstanding debt on councils' liquidity. The benchmark is less than 5% for metropolitan councils and less than 10% for all other councils. Council's result was 7.3% outstanding. 18 NSW councils were outside the benchmark.

(6) *Cash Expense Cover Ratio*

Measures the length of time in months a council can continue paying its expenses without additional cash inflows. The benchmark set is greater than

three months. Council achieved 19.9 months in this category. Of all NSW councils, five failed to achieve this measure.

(7) *Buildings and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio*

This measure assesses the rate at which assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating. The benchmark has been set at greater than 100%. Council achieved a score of 108.7%. Of all councils, 69 did not meet the ratio.

(8) *Infrastructure Backlog Ratio*

Measures the proportion of infrastructure backlog to the total net book value of council infrastructure assets. The benchmark is less than 2% - Council's backlog ratio was 1%. Of NSW councils, 84 did not meet the benchmark.

(9) *Asset Maintenance Ratio*

This ratio measures the actual versus required annual asset maintenance. The benchmark has been set at 100% - Council achieved a score of 262.6%. This indicates Council spent substantial money on asset maintenance during the 2016/17 financial year. Of all NSW councils, 68 failed to meet the ratio.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Council is performing financially at a level to ensure future sustainability.

Financial Considerations:

While Council has had a good result for the 2016/2017 financial year, it needs to remain vigilant and maintain these results over the longer term. Fortunately Council has a sound base from which to work and is not in need of immediate remedial action. Council will also recall that during the evaluation by IPART in 2012 Council was rated as financially sound however, it was given a future negative outlook, mainly due to the potential loss of population over time.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the benchmark information contained within the NSW Audit Office publication *Report on Local Government 2017*.

11.5 2018/19 DRAFT OPERATION PLAN AND BUDGET**Background:**

In accordance with s405 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must have a plan (Operational Plan) that is adopted before the beginning of each year that details the activities to be engaged in by Council during the year as part of its Delivery Program covering that year. The Operational Plan must include a statement of Council's revenue policy for the year covered by the Operational Plan.

Issues:

Council has previously been provided with the following information plans that underpin much of the budget document – (March 2018 meeting):

1. Sewer Asset Management Plan
2. Water Asset Management Plan
3. Roads Management Plan
4. Quarry Management Plan
5. Fleet Management Plan
6. Aerodrome Management Plan
7. Building Maintenance Plan
8. Recreational Facilities Plan
9. Showground Management Plan

The revenue policy was also included with the business paper for the month of March and, subject to any changes or submissions considered, should be adopted at the June 2018 meeting of Council.

The Operational Plan for 2018/19 is included in this business paper as is the draft budget document. Both these documents contain substantial information and will need to be considered by Council as part of a workshop process when the agenda item is discussed.

It is again noted that Water, Sewer and Domestic Waste Management funds are to be used for the purpose for which they are raised and are not considered general revenue.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW (March 2013)

Financial Considerations:

Council has, in the past, adopted a balanced or surplus budget. This is in keeping with Key Performance Indicators determined by the Office of Local Government.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the draft Budget and Operational Plan and place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, with written submissions to be received by Council up until c.o.b. Friday 8 June 2018, prior to adopting its Budget and Operational Plan at the meeting to be held on 13 June 2018.

**11.6 COUNCILLOR FEES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent
L2.3 Acknowledge the importance of community leader roles

Background:

Each year increases in councillor fees are considered by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and this year it has awarded an annual fee increase of 2.5% which is in accordance with the public sector wages policy cap. The increase takes effect from 1 July 2018.

Issues:

Again this year the Tribunal had to consider the role played by councillors, in particular the Mayor, in setting councils' strategic direction throughout the local government reform process. The outcome revealed that the complexity and amount of time devoted to these reforms were over and above the normal expectations of a mayor and councillors.

Coonamble Shire remains within the Rural Category for this determination. The annual fee range for a councillor is \$8,970 to \$11,860, with an additional range of \$9,540 to \$25,880 being paid to the mayors in recognition of their increased activity. The Tribunal does not have any jurisdiction to make any fee payable to a deputy mayor.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

A council must set the fees for its members from within the range provided by the Tribunal and a councillor shall be paid the fee – it is not permissible to forego the remuneration.

Financial Considerations:

Council currently pays councillors a fee of \$10,160 and the mayor an additional \$19,280.

Council should give consideration to adopting fees at the higher end of the scale, bearing in mind the additional duties and time that will be involved in both councillor and mayor roles in the future. There continues to be more emphasis on governance and regulation of Council activities.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:
For Council's determination

11.7 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – WESTERN PLAINS FUNCTIONAL ECONOMIC REGION
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Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:

EC2.1.2 Support business initiatives that develop economic growth

Background:

Council will be aware that the Balmoral Group has been retained by the NSW Government to develop a regional economic development strategy across the ORANA region.

Issues:

After initial consultation with representatives of the Group, Council found itself included in what is termed the "Western Plains Functional Economic Region" consisting of Bourke, Brewarrina, Bogon, Cobar, Walgett and Warren.

Council will recall a meeting was held at the Council Chambers on 21 March by this Group to seek community and business feedback regarding the project. The meeting was attended by the Mayor and the Director of Community Services and very few others from the business community.

The Group has sought feedback on the strategy and, while providing a copy of it on 19 April 2018, requested feedback by 27 April 2018. I have informed the Group that Council meets on 9 May and feedback will not be provided prior to being considered by Council.

The document is included for Councillors to review and provide comment that may be relayed to the Balmoral Group. **APPENDIX B.**

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) note the information contained within the Western Plains Regional Economic Development Strategy 2018 – 2022; and**
- (2) provide comment should it wish for this to be supplied to the consultant – The Balmoral Group.**

11.8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Churchill has given notice that at the meeting to be held on 9 May 2018, she intends to move the following motion:

- (1) *“That Council approach Brian Campbell to provide a coach with five horses following the Australian version of Cobb & Co coach transport, for the purpose of displaying at the new visitors’ centre; that Brian be requested to provide a concept for this and materials to be used as well as an indicative price”*
- (2) *“That the horse trough be relocated to the visitors’ centre with appropriate signage displayed for the public to understand its history”.*

Background Information:

- (1) Cr Churchill believes Council should capitalise on the horse history of the town and that there is still a strong horse culture within the town. We are looking to capture something unique that will be noticed by visitors to the town and entice them to stop and look. This may develop into further tourism and overnight stays in the future.
- (2) With the horse trough, Cr Churchill would like to see it closer to the public where they can be up close to actually see and feel it. If it remains at the roundabout it is only viewed by locals as many of the travellers do not use the roundabout end of the street. It is also somewhat unsafe and difficult to get closer to have a look if the people have to cross the roadway and negotiate traffic to do this.

Signed: Cr Karen Churchill
27 April 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION is given by Cr Churchill *that Council commit, as a priority, the construction / purchase of another set of showers and toilets at the showground on the southern side of the arena.*

RICK WARREN
General Manager
2 May 2018

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018**

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

Background:

In line with Council's 2017/2018 Operational Plan, this report presents a summary of community services progress and activities for the period March 2018 to April 2018.

Issues:

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Monthly Activity Report

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme

I2.2.3 Continue to Develop the Library as a Multi-Purpose Community Space

- The Library has become a hub for the community with the Senior Citizens Craft Group gathering on a weekly basis. The group is currently busy crocheting poppies as part of the 5000 Poppies Project.

- Movie night continued throughout the school term on a fortnightly schedule. The movie nights are proving popular with young people in the community. The activity runs on a Friday night from 5 pm to 7.30pm. Participants are supervised by two Community Services staff with children under five being accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments are provided following the movie.

- Council has been successful in securing \$25,915 under the 2017/2018 Public Library Infrastructure Grant program to create a Sensational Area at the Coonamble Library. The project will integrate sensory play into the library space. It is proposed that the works will be undertaken during the annual stocktake closure to minimise the inconvenience to the public.

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme

P1-1-2 Utilise Internet Technology to Provide Community Information to Specific Demographic and Interest Groups

- Monthly meetings are held with Council's Community Development team to plan and promote activities for children and young people. Various mediums are utilised to promote events and activities, with Facebook proving a powerful tool for communication within the community.

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme

P4.1.1 Support Activities that Promote Cultural Awareness and Diversity in Ability and Age

- Breakthru, a mental and physical disability employment service continues to utilize the library to assist clients and make use of the library facilities.

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme

I2.2.3 Maintain and Improve the Role of Our Community Library

- Facilitated usage by existing groups including Senior Citizens Craft Group, Tutors, Interact, Distance Education students, study room for students and Mission Australia. The meeting room is available for bookings and offers a quiet space with Wi-Fi and computer access.

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme
P4.2.1 Provide Strategic Early Intervention Community Development Programmes for Children and Young People

- The Library Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held prior to Easter with over 30 children and parents/carers joining in the hunt, including Mackillop Playgroup.
- Each fortnight the Librarian visits the Coonamble preschools to read to the children and encourage library visitation. The children are given activities relating to the book and are asked to participate by answering questions and suggesting a book for the next session. School staff are appreciative and very supportive



1.2 Library Statistics (March 2018 – April 2018)

Service	Issues	New M/ships	Wi-Fi	Internet	Children's Computers	Junior Visits	Adult Visits
Coonamble	1198	3	124	345 (414.17hrs)	155	482	538
Gulgambone	62	0					

Manual Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Library Visits	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History	VIC Enquiries
1020	5	60	10	14

Activity Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Senior Craft	Pre-School Visits	Housebound	Study/Tutor	Movie Night
20	30	10	12	12

Usage Statistics - External meetings

Breakthru	Interact	Mission Australia
8	16	8

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt	Youth Week Movie Night	Movie Marathon	Tie Dye Workshop	ANZAC Day Craft
32	25	33	24	6

2. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

2.1 Youth Week 2018

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program

P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people and P 4.1.3 Facilitate and support appropriate child and youth activities

National Youth Week was held from 13 - 22 April, 2018.



With great weather and some fun activities, Youth Week 2018 in the Coonamble Shire has been hailed a success. The six day program kicked off on Friday 13 April with a Friday the 13th Movie Night at the Library.

It was all action at the Coonamble and Gulargambone Skate parks on Monday, when Totem Skateboarding hosted free workshops, lunch was provided by Mission Australia staff and there were some great giveaways.



On April 18, a full coach load of young people and parents headed off to the Pilliga for a day of hiking and a visit to the sandstone caves, Discovery Centre and sculptures. After the 3km walk the return trip proved to be a quiet one!

Lawn Bowls was a new activity this year and attracted over 70 keen young bowlers, the events was supported by Coonamble Bowling Club, MPREC and Council.



Friday saw more than 250 people converge on McDonald Park for the Inflatables in the Park event, and what a great day it was!

The team from MPREC did an amazing job on the inflatables; Mackillop Family Services showed their artistic flair with face painting and the kite making activity hosted by Mission Australia had everyone on a high.

Special thanks go to MPREC, Mackillop Family Services, Mission Australia and the Coonamble Bowling Club who worked with Council to deliver the 2018 Youth Week program.

2.2 School Holiday Programs

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program -

P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people

The first week of the school holidays saw a full program of Youth Week activities on offer. Week 2 saw a series of workshops, craft activities, movies nights, pool competitions offered through the Gulargambone Youth Centre and the Coonamble Library.

The hands-on tie dye workshops attract strong participation with over 25 attending the Coonamble session and over 30 at the Gulargambone workshop.

Attendance at the Gulargambone Youth Centre is increasing with more than 25 youth joining in the Youth Week and School Holiday activities each day. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3.30pm during the school holidays and a free bus is operated to transport the young people to participate in scheduled events and activities i.e. Inflatables in the Park.

3. TOURISM

3.1 Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –

P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion

Council continues to provide assistance to the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee in promoting the 2018 event, which will be held on the June long weekend. Support encompasses updates to the sponsorship prospectus, upgrade to the committee’s website and marketing activities. \$3,000 in sponsorship for the event has been provided by Campbelltown City Council as part of Council’s Sister City relationship.

3.2 Cartoscope Map

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –

EC1.1.5 Develop new visitor markets

Coonamble will feature prominently in the next edition of the Cartoscope – North West NSW Map.

Council has joined other businesses to market the Shire as a “must stop” location for travellers. An advertisement has been produced for the Riverside Caravan Park and the Museum Under the Bridge. The free map will be published in late May and will also be available electronically through the Cartoscope website.

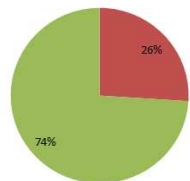
3.3 Coonamble Visitor Information Centre Facebook page April statistics

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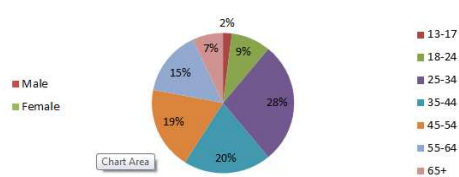


Our Facebook Posts reached **1951** people in April 2018

Gender breakdown April 2018



Age people reached April 2018

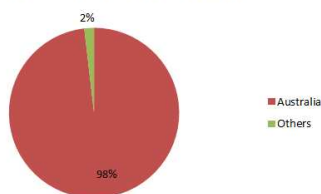


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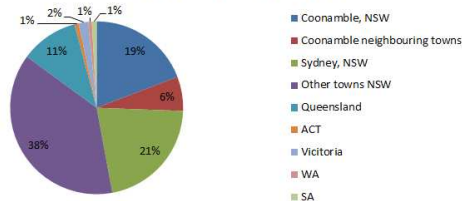


85% of our Facebook Posts were read by people **NSW** in April ...

Countries reached April 2018



Australia by postcode April 2018



3.4 Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics

Number of Visitors 988	Number of Visits 1,180	Number of Page Views 6,293
Sessions by Device: Desktop Computer 47%	Mobile Phone 40%	Tablet/iPads 17%

Top 3 Page Views:

- 1) About Coonamble
- 2) Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park
- 3) Events

3.5 Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (April 2017)

With the cooler weather, there has been an increase in visitation to the visitor information centre during the month of April.

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*				
80	Retiree	34	NSW	45	Local	24	Directions	15
	Family	7	VIC	3	Regional	12	Attractions	15
	Worker	7	SA	0	Interstate	15	Toilets	10
	Backpacker	1	QLD	8			Accommodation	2
			Overseas	1			Eateries	2
						Souvenirs	8	

*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

3.6 Under the Bridge Museum Update

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets

During the month of April, 31 people visited the museum, including a visit from the Mooy family, who contributed numerous photos and documents to the museum.

This year the Museum Under the Bridge is hosting the “Peace Day” Poppy Exhibition.

The curator has created the exhibition to recognize that 100 years ago this year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, fighting ceased in the “war to end all wars.”



The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded.

The Armistice of WW1 was an agreement to cease fighting - it was signed between France, Britain, and Germany on 11th November 1918, bringing four years of fighting in the First World War to an **end**.... The Treaty of Versailles signed six months later would act as the peace treaty between the nations.

3.7 CMCA National Motorhome Rally - Gunnedah
Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –
EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets

With membership of over 70,000 the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) is the largest recreational vehicle (RV) club in the southern hemisphere.

In October, Gunnedah will play host to the 33rd National Rally which is expected to attract in excess of 1500 campervan and motorhome enthusiasts from across Australia.

In the weeks leading up to the event, rally goers spend time in the region – usually within a three hour drive of the rally site, and stay in the region for up to a month at the conclusion of the event.

Coonamble Shire has an opportunity to reap the benefits from the influx of visitors, and Council has secured an exhibit to showcase the region at the rally, which will be held at the Gunnedah Showground from 6-13 October 2018.

With over 100 chapters (special interest groups) within the CMCA membership, Council has an opportunity to leverage visitation in the lead up to/ and following the rally.

Council's Director of Community Services has been involved in hosting several motorhome rallies and will be liaising with businesses across the Shire to develop target specific collateral including packages and itineraries to capitalise on this opportunity. These promotional packages will be distributed directly to the chapters prior to the event and to individuals at the rally.

3.8 Pave the Way to Gular Art Festival
Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –
P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion

The Gulargambone community hosted the successful Pave the Way to Gular Art Festival from 5 – 8 April 2018.

A crowd of over 80 people gathered on Saturday afternoon for the official opening of the festival by Kevin Humphries MP, Member for Barwon.

The weekend attracted a constant stream of festival goers, with the art exhibition at the Memorial Hall recording approximately 220 visitors. To measure the economic impact of the festival, organisers captured visitor postcodes at the Memorial Hall.

The REMPLAN Tourism Impact Summary Report for the Pave the Way to Gular Art Festival indicates that the Gross Regional Product for the Coonamble Local Government Area is estimated to increase by \$35,960. Contributing to this is a direct increase in output of \$50,440, \$13,781 more in wages and salaries and a boost in value-added of \$26,018. **(Tourism Impact Summary Report attached).**

As you will recall, Council contributed \$25,000 to the Pave the Way project to cover artist fees, and to date Council has expended \$23,100.



3.9 Tourism Strategy

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets

Council has shown an increased commitment to developing tourism within the Shire over the past months and it is timely to consider the development of an action based Shire-wide Tourism Strategy that will capitalise on the opportunities that tourism presents.

A 5 year strategic tourism plan would guide all activities undertaken by Council to promote further growth within the local tourism industry.

The redevelopment of the Riverside Caravan Park, proposed new visitor information centre, introduction of new festivals and events and the proposed bore bath facility represent growth opportunities for the Shire.

A report on the proposed Tourism Strategy will be prepared for the June meeting of Council for consideration.

4. GRANTS AND EVENTS

4.1 Seniors Week 2018

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme -

4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age

On 5 April, Council hosted the Boots and Pearls Luncheon to celebrate Seniors Week 2018. Over 130 people attended the event including residents of Koonambil Aged Care Facility and members of Coonamble Home Care Service, along with their carers.



Musician Stephen R Cheney entertained the crowd with songs and stories, while Council staff served lunch. The event was a great success and through informal feedback, those who attended hoped that Council would continue with a similar event in 2019. Council's Grants and Events Officer has surveyed a sample of attendees to assist in the planning for next year's Seniors Week celebrations.

4.2 Grant Writing Workshops

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme -

P3.3.1 Support appropriate community development activities undertaken by a range of organisations and provide assistance with project development, governance, grant writing, community building and group facilitation.

As Council is aware, there has been a significant increase in external funding opportunities for community organisations this year, and this is expected to continue for some time.

To ensure Coonamble Shire groups and organisations are "shovel-ready" Council has contracted Regional Development Australia, Orana Executive Officer Megan Dixon to deliver two free workshops (afternoon 2pm -5pm and evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm) in Coonamble on Wednesday 30 May 2018.

The workshops have been designed to build capacity within the community and to empower organisations to learn practical grant writing skills. Participants will work through the grant writing process covering the following topics: understanding guidelines and eligibility, how to structure an application, developing project plans and budgets, how to gather evidence and support for the project and reporting.

A marketing campaign which will commence on 11 May, 2018 has been developed to promote the workshops throughout the Shire.

4.3 Successful Grants application

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme -

P3.3.1 Support appropriate community development activities undertaken by a range of organisations and provide assistance with project development, governance, grant writing, community building and group facilitation.

In April, Council was successful in securing the following grants:

- Family and Community Services, NSW Youth Week Bus Shuttle Funding - \$1,500 for Youth Week excursion.
- State Library of NSW - Public Library Infrastructure Grants 2017/18 - \$25,915 for sensory wall and sensory equipment at Coonamble Library.
- Drought Communities Programme
 - Gulargambone Infrastructure Fencing \$46,133
 - Coonamble Aerodrome Upgrade and Coonamble Golf Club Car park Upgrade \$300,000
 - Coonamble Waste Management Facility Expansion \$100,000

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress Report.

ROBYN RYAN

Director of Community Services

1 May 2018

13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections 30/04/2018 compared to 30/04/2017:

	30/04/2018	30/04/2017
Arrears 30 th June previous year	566,819.63	533,958.78
Plus 2017/2018 Combined Levy	6,399,863.92	6,225,796.73
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,966,683.55	6,759,755.51
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(59,779.47)	(67,082.52)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(48,910.48)	(54,885.70)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,857,993.60	6,637,787.29
Less Collections	(5,091,128.32)	(4,827,905.21)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	1,766,865.28	1,809,881.78
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	1,766,865.28	1,809,881.78
Collection % of Total Receivable	74.24%	72.73%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	25.76%	27.27%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 INVESTMENTS – APRIL 2018

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 09/07/2018	2.57%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 20/07/2018	2.58%	122 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 30/04/2018	2.47%	120 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/06/2018	2.50%	60 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 16/07/2018	2.78%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 30/04/2018	2.52%	90 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 29/05/2018	2.50%	183 Days	1,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 18/08/2018	2.50%	180 Days	500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/06/2018	2.41%	120 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 26/07/2018	2.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 2/08/2018	2.50%	180 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 20/06/2018	2.40%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 27/05/2018	2.25%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 22/05/2018	2.47%	168 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 25/07/2018	2.81%	90 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 13/09/2018	2.50%	184 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 05/07/2018	2.57%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 21/07/2018	2.58%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 13/07/2018	2.00%	90 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 27/07/2018	2.50%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 19/06/2018	2.55%	152 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 08/08/2018	2.65%	120.00%	1,000,000.00
Bank of Queensland	A2	Term Deposit - 09/08/2018	2.60%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
AMP	A1	Notice Account	2.70%	N/A	1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	@ Call Account	1.50%	N/A	500,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 22,000,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	11%	50%	2,500,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	27%	50%	6,000,000
St George	A1+	5%	50%	1,000,000
Bankwest	A1+	7%	50%	1,500,000
Bendigo Bank	A2	9%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	20%	35%	4,500,000
ME Bank	A2	9%	35%	2,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	5%	35%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	2%	10%	500,000
AMP	A1	5%	30%	1,000,000
				\$ 22,000,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	50%	100%	11,000,000
A1	5%	80%	1,000,000
A2	42%	60%	9,500,000
Unrated	2%	30%	500,000
			\$ 22,000,000
			General Fund Investments 15,312,178
			Sewerage Investment Fund 2,567,985
			Water Investment Fund 4,119,837
			\$ 22,000,000

Interest earned on Investments for 2017-2018 as at 27th April, 2018

\$ 317,183

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 30 April 2018 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 DRAFT FEES & CHARGES – 2018/2019 YEAR

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.11 Maintain long term financial viability***

Background:

As part of the process for the preparation of the estimates for the upcoming financial year, management undertakes a review of the services it provides and the fees and charges associated with the provision of these services. As mentioned at Council's March meeting, this process has been carried out a copy of the Draft Fees and Charges has been included as **APPENDIX C** for consideration.

Issues:

As mentioned previously a review of Council's fees and charges has been undertaken by management. The review was conducted taking into account the following basic considerations:

- Fees and Charges set by legislation have been adjusted as per advice received by Council to date; any further changes to legislative fees will be adjusted once Council receives advice of the new fees.
- Both Plant Hire Rates and Quarry Fees and Charges have been increased as per advice from Council's Engineer.
- Waste Landfill Charges have been increased by the rate pegging increase of 2.3%

This year management has also taken the opportunity to review the structure of some fees that it charges for a number of reasons, ranging from increasing the utilisation of Council facilities to a gradual move to more of a cost recovery situation. Council will also note the change in format of the document to a more user friendly document.

The information contained in the fees and charges relating to the saleyards will be forwarded on to the Saleyard Committee for its review.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993 – Sect 405 & 608

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council agree to place the Draft Fees and Charges for 2018/2019 as presented on public exhibition, in conjunction with the operational plan, budget and delivery program, calling for submissions for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2018 meeting, along with any submissions received.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**Urban Services:**

- Works program over the past month has focused on the presentation of the Coonamble main street garden beds and CBD precinct.
- Installation of the LED sign at the Coonamble sportsground, originally planned to be installed in early April has been delayed due to an issue with the contractor not receiving the correct material to carry out the work.
- Upcoming works program will focus on the presentation of Coonamble showground for the Coonamble Show and Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft events in May/June.

Vandalism Update:

- Vandalism costs incurred by Council for the 2017/2018 financial year are \$9,836.87.
- Street Gardens, along with Council fixtures in the Coonamble main street precinct, were damaged by vandalism attacks over the past fortnight with attacks occurring on the 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26 April, 2018.
- Park furniture in McDonald has also been damaged by graffiti.
- CCTV footage has been provided to the police.

**Pools:**

- Gulargambone & Coonamble pools have been closed for the off-season.

Buildings:

- Ongoing minor maintenance continues as planned.

Recommendation:

That the information in this section of the report be noted.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services
1 May 2018

14. REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018**14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- (a) **Plant/Workshop:**
- Plant repairs completed on as required basis.
 - Routine servicing completed on “as required” basis.
- (b) **Airport:**
- Routine maintenance completed.
 - Entrance and hanger area commenced
 - New self-serve fuel bowser installed
- (c) **Depot:**
- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.
 - Preparation work for compounds underway
- (d) **Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:**
- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
 - Reservoir roof repairs (Coonamble & Gular) to be carried out.
 - Collection of data on gular water quality commenced
 - Hydrant Audit continuing
 - Reid & Wilga Sts water main replacement continuing
 - Tender called for mains replacement, Coonamble & Gular
- (e) **Sewerage:**
- Coonamble & Gular STP – routine maintenance.
 - Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.
 - Relocation of main at Smith Park commenced
 - Continue implementing Sewer AMP's
- (f) **Quarry:**
- Repairs to processing plant complete.
 - Housekeeping on going
 - Follow up Q&A Audit visit complete – report pending
- (g) **Levee:**
- Tender for stage 3 works has been advertised, closes 15 May
- (h) **New Roads & Bridges Manager commenced duties on 30th April.**

(i) Roads Report:**i) State Highway:**

Item	Task	Comments
1	Routine Maintenance	Ongoing
2	Highway Slashing	Ongoing
3	Spraying	Ongoing
4	Jabiru culverts	Complete
5	Jabiru Rehab	Commenced
6	Additional Reseals	Scheduled

ii) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:

Item	Task	Comments
1	MR7515 reconstruction	Commenced
2	Baradine Rd reconstruction	Scheduled
3	SR86 reconstruction (see photos)	Commenced
4	Reseals – Urban & Rural Roads	Complete
5	Road Survey (ARRB)	Complete report being reviewed
6	Golf Club Car park	Commenced

Carinda Rd (SR86)**Quabathoo Road (SR111)**

At last month's Council meeting Cllr Fisher raised concerns regarding Quabathoo Road. Staff inspected the road, no oversized rocks could be located. The general condition of the road is in line with a Category 5 road. Maintenance at the bridge has been carried out.

Grading unsealed roads when water is not available will only worsen the situation and is kept to a minimum where possible.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information in this section of the report.

KOOKIE ATKINS
A/Director of Engineering Services
1 May 2018

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018**

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – APRIL 2018

*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date 2017/2018 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	35	310
Infringements (Animals)	0	62
Infringements (Other)	1	1
Change of Details	3	32
Microchipped dogs	22	133
Registrations	9	83
Nuisance dog declaration	0	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	2
Menace dog declaration	0	0
<u>IMPOUNDED ANIMALS</u>		
Dogs	14	164
Cats	7	97
Stock	0	22
Other	0	1
TOTAL	21	284
<u>BREAKDOWN</u>		
Dogs Euthanased	4	52
Dogs surrendered by owner	5	84
Dogs re-housed	2	90
Dogs released	2	10
Cats Euthanased	7	83
Cats re-housed	0	3
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	0	14
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

DOG ATTACKS

During the month there was a break-in at the Coonamble pound and two dogs stolen – the matter was reported to Police.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information for the month of April 2018.

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services
1 May 2018

16. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – PERIOD ENDING 31
MARCH 2018
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

Background:

In accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter a review of the estimates of income and expenditure for Council's consideration – (A3 sheets).

Issues:*BUDGET REVIEW:*

Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which is presented in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Quarterly Review of Budget

Local Government (General) Regulation

Section 203

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of attached Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (2) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 March 2018.**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.

2 May 2018

17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

**17.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 23rd
APRIL 2018, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr David Vant (RMS Representative)
Mrs Kookie Atkins (A/Director of Engineering Services)
Mayor Michael Webb (Coonamble Shire Council)

1. **APOLOGIES** Nil
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
Minutes of the previous meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 7 December, 2016 were tabled for adoption.
Moved: D Vant **Seconded:** M Webb
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
Confirmation that Combara railway crossing does not meet criteria for upgrade.
4. **OUTSTANDING WORKS**
 - 4.1 ***Disabled parking – Coonamble Pool.***
Will require layback installed prior to marking out
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/ISSUED RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING**
 - 5.1 ***Pedestrian crossing Castlereagh Highway - Gulargambone.***
No issue with the crossing, does not require relocation.
 - 5.2 ***Warren Road intersection with Castlereagh Highway.***
D Vant to discuss options with the RMS Area Maintenance Manager
 - 5.3 ***Pedestrian crossing Aberford Street - Coonamble***
No options available to address site orientation.
6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 Investigate options for Bimble/Tooloon Streets intersection
 - 6.2 ANZAC day march under the control of NSW Police
7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA.**
At this juncture, 1.50 pm, the meeting adjourned.

18. SALEYARDS REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

18.1 SALES - CATTLE

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
NIL SALES-							

TOTALS:	Agents Levy	1 head	\$ 64.80
	Casual Weigh	978 head	\$3,604.15
			\$3,668.95

18.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2017 – 30/04/2018

Sale yards Operations:	Income	\$ 3,668.95
	Expenditure	\$ 32,134.26
	Deficit	\$ 28,465.31
Truck wash:	Income	\$ 14,385.08
	Expenditure	\$ 6,778.61
	Surplus	\$ 7,606.47
Summary:	Income	\$ 18,054.03
	Expenditure	\$ 38,912.87
	Deficit	\$ 20,858.84
Sale yard Reserves:	Balance 01/07/17	\$330,575.47
	Operational result to date	\$ 20,858.84
	Reserve Balance at 30/04/2018	\$351,434.31

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate & Urban Services

1 May 2018

19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

NIL

20. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018